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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, AR (WEEKS, JAMES M.)

SUBJECT: W/W ARREST: US PRIEST, JAMES MARTIN WEEKS

REF: CHAPLIN/RONDON TELECON AUG. 9

IF ACCESS NOT ALREADY GRANTED, EMBASSY SHOULD INCORPORATE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN WRITTEN PROTEST REGARDING GOA'S FAILURE TO GRANT CONSULAR ACCESS TO FATHER WEEKS: QUOTE THE EMBASSY WISHES TO PROTEST IN STRONGEST TERMS THIS VIOLATION OF THE 1963 VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS TO WHICH THE US AND ARGENTINA ARE PARTIES. ARTICLE 36, PARA 1, SUBPARA (A) STATES QUITE CLEARLY THAT CONSULAR OFFICERS SHALL BE FREE TO COMMUNICATE WITH NATIONALS OF THE SENDING STATE AND TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEM. NATIONALS OF THE SENDING STATE SHALL HAVE THE SAME FREEDOM WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNICATION WITH AND ACCESS TO CONSULAR OFFICERS OF THE SENDING STATE. PARA 2 OF ARTICLE 36 DOES INDICATE THAT THE RIGHT IS EXERCISED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE RECEIVING STATE; HOWEVER, THOSE LAWS MUST ENABLE FULL EFFECT TO BE GIVEN TO THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE RIGHTS ACCORDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE ARE INTENDED. IN OTHER WORDS, THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH ART. 36. END QUOTE. HABIB

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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